



# STATE OF IOWA

TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR

KIM REYNOLDS  
LT. GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY  
DALE R. WOOLERY, ACTING DIRECTOR

News Release:  
Thursday, April 5, 2012

Contact:  
Susie Sher 515-725-0300

## Iowa Students Celebrate DARE Day

DES MOINES – Over 24,000 Iowa children who learned important lessons about making healthy choices in Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) classes this year, and the law enforcement officers who teach DARE, were honored at a ceremony today.

Governor Terry E. Branstad proclaimed Thursday, April 5, as *Iowa DARE Day*, coinciding with *National DARE Day*. The proclamation recognized DARE students and instructors for their classroom accomplishments, as well as their personal commitment to a drug-free and healthy lifestyle. It was presented to DARE Iowa President John Sheahan by Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy Interim Director Dale Woolery.

“The challenge for DARE students moving forward is to act on lessons learned about resisting drugs, and to pay forward what they’ve learned about making healthy choices by sharing that knowledge with other youth,” said Woolery.

*Iowa DARE Day* was celebrated during a ceremony at the Wallace State Office Building Auditorium in Des Moines. Dozens of middle school students from a few Iowa school districts participated in the celebration. Also attending the event were educators, law enforcement officers, and other officials.

###